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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS TAKEN AT NOON PRESS BRIEFING, 24 JAN 78

ARMS TRANSFERS

QUESTION: What kind of authorization would be required legally for Iran or Saudi Arabia to supply American equipment to another country which would ship some of its own equipment to Somalia?

ANSWER: The same conditions would apply as with any third-party transfer. Prior U.S. Government consent would be required. The Executive Branch would review the request; and if we thought it were justified, we would then notify Congress as required by Section 3 of the Arms Export Control Act. Congress is given thirty days advance notice of our intention to consent to the transfer.

In most cases, as a condition of that consent we would require of the transferee that they provide formal, written assurances that the equipment in question would not be further transferred without prior U.S. consent.

QUESTION: Is there an American authorization to permit Saudi Arabia to transfer U.S.-origin weapons to Egypt in order to permit Egypt to transfer its Soviet-supplied weapons to Somalia?

ANSWER: No.